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STATEMENT FROM REPRESENTATIVE BOB THORPE REGARDING NEW HOUSE SECURITY PROTOCOLS

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX (Friday, April 8, 2016) – “I have asked for tighter security at the House and Senate for years, similar to the security already found in the Governor's tower, and I'm so pleased that the current leadership and our Sargent-At-Arms is listening. The simple form that the press were asked to fill out is the exact same form that our House Chaplain, and all non-employees, must fill out if they want a card-key issued to them, a key that provides them with unfettered access to our state buildings.”

“However, once again the Democrats sounded utterly foolish while they wasted over an hour of our time by repeatedly claiming that the press had been banned from the House. To our dismay, Senator Farley (D) even brought written talking points from the Senate in order to orchestrate Rep. Clark's (D) drafted comments. I spoke from the floor that there must be something wrong with my eyeglasses, because the press had not been banned, I could clearly see them sitting 15 feet behind me in the gallery.”

“In light of violence such as that of Congresswoman Giffords and those present at the Tucson tragedy, it is not unreasonable for our House security to request that all non-employees wanting a card-key provide minimal background information. I believe that the press chose not to do so simply to make a point... and national headlines of course. I just wish we could figure out a way to get the Democrats to stop their childish complaining (for political reasons) about everything under the sun, including increased safety, and get back to the important bipartisan work of serving the people of Arizona, instead of their self-serving insignificant political ambitions.”

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